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BEAT JUDGE MACK.

The Chief of the Settlement Workers' Union Must Be Left Off the Ticket,

Otherwise Every Democratic Judge on the Bench Will Be Beaten Next June.

The Church People of Chicago, Catholic and Protestant, Are After the Settlement Workers.

The Opposition to Judge Mack's Reappointment to the Juvenile Court Foiled Settlement Workers Temporarily,

But the Way to Foll Them Permanently Is to Beat the Man Mack.

If the Democratic party attempts to re-elect Judge Mack next June every Democratic Judge on the Circuit bench will be beaten.

This man is known as a leader among the so-called settlement workers, against whom so many Catholics, Protestants, Jews and other good citizens protest.

His record will be made public in proper time.

Meanwhile a word in time saves nine. Some other man with the present judges and victory or, Mack and defeat!

The Chicago Press Club has lost another of its great society leaders, at least for an uncertain period.

Peter Van Vliessen has been sent to the penitentiary at Joliet, where several other members of this brilliant organization of bad actors and worse newspaper men have rooted in the past.

The Chicago Press Club at one time had a good reputation for probity and honor.

Then it sank into financial straits and the good members—and there are many of them—were forced to scratch themselves frequently and with much vigor because of contact with members of the dramatic element who slept in their rooms and touched for coin.

It has long been a matter of notoriety that the class of actors admitted to the Chicago Press Club could never break into the Benevolent Order of Elks, which admits none but first class men to its membership.

The Chicago Press Club fell lower and lower until finally in an awful rally to raise \$30,000 it admitted as life members twelve indelicates, a number of detectives, some men with shady records, a notorious South Side saloon keeper and a host of persons who never were newspaper men in any sense of the word.

In fact, the only real newspaper men that we know of among the life members of the body who are real up-to-date newspaper men are Victor F. Lawson and Joseph R. Dunlop.

Among the active members of the "club" is one man who was discharged from the U. S. service for immorality and who was indicted for robbing the United States mails and who was saved by active political friends. We have some rare old affidavits about this gentleman, but have no desire to injure either him or his family.

We do not refer in this relation to another active member who actually "did time," but who was really innocent and who was railroaded by a clique.

Among the life members is a man who is now under many indictments and one conviction in the United States Court, and also under sentence to the United States penitentiary.

Van Vliessen is the last of this great organization of men-who-know-actors to go to the penitentiary after pleading guilty.

When the "club" gets into its new building we may look for others.

The action of the State's Attorney's office in railroadng Van Vliessen proves its utter inefficiency. Van Vliessen was sent down for forgeries amounting to only \$10,200. The man

confessed that he had committed other forgeries amounting to \$740,000. Is he to escape scott-free for these forgeries? He ought to be imprisoned for life or hanged. The other cases will come to light soon, but the State's Attorney's office saved him, and he will go to the penitentiary for a period which will net him \$75,000 a year for ten years.

For years the tenants in the Teutonic Building were visited about Christmas time by a man carrying a roll of paper and soliciting contributions for a fund for Christmas gifts for the employees of the building from Chief Janitor to Scrub Women. The roll was headed, "make all checks payable to Peter Van Vliessen." The editor of The Eagle gave a check for \$10 payable to Van Vliessen as requested, on December 24, 1907. To his surprise the check was never placed in the bank by Van Vliessen until nearly four months afterwards to-wit: April 20, 1908. Was Van Vliessen holding this check for the purpose of forging the signature to it to some other paper? Time alone will tell. Many men in the Teutonic Building strong in the financial world signed their names to the same roll and gave their checks. Were these too held by Van Vliessen until he became sufficiently familiar with the signatures to be able to forge the names to negotiable paper? Time will tell. He was sent down for forging \$10,200 worth of paper. He confessed to having forged over \$750,000. The eagerness of the State's Attorney's office to send this scoundrel down on a light sentence looks bad.

This will be a hard winter for the hired girls. Poor things! The collection season has been opened with great eclat by the professional patriots. From now until spring a great deal will be heard from the Pin Brigade and the Jury Bribers' Union.

If that Otis case does not look like a put up job we never heard of one that did.

Why has the present State's Attorney never gotten after the Beef Trust?

The Hamilton Club is certainly a great organization. It has as its president an emigrant from Michigan named Marquis Eat On, who came here from Paw Paw six or seven years ago and who has been leading the Republican party ever since—in his mind. His success has been great in working for the Cody family in general and in giving the name of Eat On to the presidency of a political lunch club. The Marquis of Eat On will not be lost sight of.

The Democratic party is dead as a mackerel. It died of Professional Terrorism. Outside of the 1,300 members of the "Nationalists" and "Cian-na-Gaels" the Irish population of Chicago, 100,000 strong, has left it on its hands. The Irish people who formerly formed the backbone of the Democracy got tired of being traded off by a gang composed of jury bribers, grafters, Pin Brigade members and policemen. Whenever they see the name of a profes-

sional servant girl robbing Turk on a ticket they vote the other ticket. This fall the 1,300 professional Turkeys had the supreme gall to nominate for Municipal Court Judges seven of their own kind out of the nine to be elected. One of them was the man who introduced Cronin to the man who lured him to his murder. When the 100,000 Irishmen of Chicago saw this insult to their race they took a walkout at the Democratic ticket that was hoard around the world. The "Irish Fellowship Club," the "Pin Brigade," the "Jury Bribers' Union," the "Nationalists," and "Cian-na-Gaels" may continue to run the Democratic party, but the people will do the rest. The Professional Turk must get out of politics whether he has large ears or his white face or murderous mug is on the Republican or Democratic ticket. Meanwhile the Democratic party exists only in the "camps." Let us rest there.

We hope that State's Attorney Wayman will have the "nuts" to discharge every man in the State's Attorney's office at present. They are inefficient or worse.

Why hasn't State's Attorney Healy ever brought the milk trust to trial, although they were indicted over a year ago?

It isn't known what Marquis Eat On is going to pull out for the Cody gang next.

That form of cowardice known as football should be stopped in Chicago. Teaching people to kick men when they are down belongs to the Professional Patriots' Union or the Pin Brigade. It has no place among decent people.

The Bankers' Club of Chicago must be pretty hard up for material when it makes H. A. Hangan its president.

According to Chicago daily newspaper reports one of the first callers at the county jail to offer consolation to the scoundrel Van Vliessen was Louis F. Post, the reformer, but the self-confessed forger sent word out to the reformer that he thanked him for his interest but that he could not see him. Such is reform.

Peter Van Vliessen, the worst scoundrel Chicago has had in her midst in many years, was tried, found guilty and sentenced in a few hours. Why?

There are in the county jail at the present time hundreds of prisoners who have been waiting for months for their cases to come up and yet they let this scoundrel have his case tried a few hours after being found out.

With over \$700,000 of forgeries not accounted for this criminal is allowed a quiet trial on the charge of some \$15,

000 of forgeries that are accounted for, and given an easy sentence. Is this right?

Why should hundreds of prisoners in the county jail be kept waiting for months to see whether they are guilty or innocent and this confessed forger be allowed to get through with his case in a few hours?

There is something wrong somewhere!

Arthur Meeker the talented gentleman who was indicted in the so-called Beef Trust Cases has been elected a trustee of the University of Illinois. The term trustee is particularly appropriate for Mr. Meeker.

The extraordinary persons who with some very honorable exceptions, are constantly doing the hand-organ act, with their hats off, in the Municipal Court, have the gall to ask \$10,000 a year for entertaining the amusement loving public. The Legislature should abolish the Municipal Court as soon as possible.

The new State's Attorney should get after the Beef Trust or find out why his predecessor did nothing against it.

The new State's Attorney should get after the Milk Trust, and at the same time find out why his predecessor made no effort to bring to trial the indelicates against this awful gang.

Ninety per cent of the 1,300 members of secret Irish societies of Chicago who are riding the Democracy to hell are British spies. They have not much to say upon outside of a few policemen and members of the pin brigade.

The hundred thousand American Irish of Chicago are tired of being delivered on election day by 1,300 policemen, informers and pin brigades.

The Eagle, it seems, displeased some professional patriots because it opposed Bryan. This makes us feel good and renews our hopes that the general public may soon again get an opportunity to take a crack at them. The professional patriot, except as a putrid reminiscence, is a thing of the past.

The Hamilton Club it would seem exists for the benefit of Marquis Eat On and the Cody family.

President Isadore Baumgartl of the United Breweries Company, a duck who spends very little money to fight prohibition, returned to Chicago from a business trip to find to his surprise that his name was included in the list of prominent business men whom Captain Thomas I. Porter of the federal secret service recently declared amen-

able to prosecution for having failed to turn over to the secret service bogus \$5 bills, now flooding Chicago, which had come into their possession.

Mr. Baumgartl had received his bill in the course of business, and, recollecting from whom, returned it to the man from whom he received it. Captain Porter accordingly held him not liable to prosecution.

"The government has no desire to prosecute anyone," said Captain Porter last night, "unless it is known that he deliberately planned to return a counterfeit to circulation."

Clean the barnacles out, State's Attorney Wayman, and earn the thanks of the people of Chicago!

If State's Attorney Wayman wants to start in right with the people he will bounce every man connected with that office at the present time.

The men behind the milk trust have not been put on trial, although they were indicted a year ago. Why?

The people of Chicago are commencing to think that there is something the matter with the State's Attorney's office.

George E. Cole's resignation as president of the Legislative Voters' League was accepted last Monday by the executive committee, and it was announced that Alfred T. Capps of Jacksonville had been named as Mr. Cole's successor. For the last seven years Mr. Cole has been head of the league. Pressure of private business affairs caused him to ask to be relieved of the presidency several months ago. He will continue as a member of the executive committee. Mr. Capps, the new president, is vice-president of the Capps woolen mills of Jacksonville. In going down state to select a new head the executive committee gives notice that the league will continue to be a state-wide organization, to which it branched out in the primary battle in August.

City officials on Wednesday inspected Gage farm, where the Board of Education wishes to erect a school for delinquent, consumptive and sub-normal children. The schools committee of the City Council will pass on the fate of the farm at a meeting next week. Mayor Busse headed the delegation. Accompanying him were B. J. Mullaney, his private secretary; President Otto Schneider of the Board of Education, Health Commissioner W. A. Evans, Comptroller Walter H. Wilson of the West Park system, Fire Marshal James Schmeider of the Board of Education, Alderman A. W. Belfuss, Mayor Busse favors the plan, but Alderman Belfuss favors using the farm for park purposes.

SALARY RAISE ASKED.

Ordinance to Increase Aldermen's Pay from \$1,500 to \$3,500 Presented to Council Monday Night,

But the Bashful City Fathers Have It Referred to the Finance Committee.

Where It Will Be Fixed Up with a Slight Reduction and Recommended for Passage.

Alderman Kruger Introduces Ordinance Abolishing Football in Chicago, Which Was Referred to Judiciary Committee.

Much Work Accomplished in Shortest Session the Council Has Had in Years.

Chicago's Aldermen are not content with the \$1,500 a year they receive for looking after the interests of the people, but want a little more money for their arduous work and they took the chance of making known their desire at the meeting of the council Monday night.

Alderman Pringle introduced an ordinance providing that the salary of aldermen after the election of April 5, 1909, should be \$3,500 a year instead of \$1,500.

Though the ordinance was referred to the finance committee by formal action, Mayor Busse indicated a desire to pass the salary increase with a \$500 cut on the prescribed \$3,500.

After Alderman Pringle's ordinance had been read the Mayor summoned Aldermen Pringle, Egan, Scully, Foreman and several others to the rostrum, and, while other business was being transacted, proposed that the salary be fixed at \$3,000 and that the ordinance be recommended for passage.

Alderman Egan, Foreman and Scully were willing to engineer the Mayor's proposal, but, inasmuch as the ordinance had gone to the finance committee, Alderman Pringle declined to call it for further consideration.

The finance committee will, therefore, consider this recommendation and report to the council, as it will also on the ordinance proposed by Alderman Britten of the Twenty-third Ward, which provides that the salaries of the chief justice and each associate judge of the Municipal Court shall be \$10,000 per annum, payable in monthly installments, out of the city treasury.

No discussion in the open was indulged in on either of the salary ordinances.

Alderman Herman Kruger introduced an ordinance abolishing the playing of football in Chicago, which was referred to the judiciary committee.

Alderman Kruger says he believes the interests of the community demand that football be stamped out—and quickly.

"I paid \$2 to get a good seat at last Saturday's contest so I could get it I wanted of my first visit to a football game," explained the Alderman. "I have been at prize fights and read of bull fights, and rooted at wrestling bouts, but I give you my word I never thought so much brutality could be crowded into a game that thousands of people go 'daffy' over."

"As soon as I got home from the game I made up my mind to take some steps to stop future brutal exhibitions of the kind. If they can stand for that they can stand not only for prize fights but dog fights, too. I hope we get an ordinance drafted so that I can have a chance to vote against football."

Alderman Clancy presented an ordinance creating a new department with seventy-four jobs attached, which means a salary roll of more than \$75,000. He would have it known as the department of sanitary and plumbing inspection and its duties to look after the work connected with those two subjects. If adopted it would take away from the city health department a large share of its functions. The ordinance provides for a chief supervising inspector at \$5,000 a year, an assistant chief supervising inspector, four supervising inspectors, five restaurant in-

spectors, four tenement-house inspectors, twenty-five plumbing inspectors and thirty-five rendering plant inspectors. The scheme was referred to the judiciary committee.

Chairman Dever of the judiciary committee had passed the ordinance prohibiting, under penalty of \$100 to \$200 fine, any matrimonial agency. The ordinance has the indorsement of District Attorney Sims, and is so stringent that it prohibits where a reward of any character is given the introducing of one person to another. It also forbids any agent advertising in any manner to assist Cupid.

An ordinance reducing the license fee of wood peddlers from \$50 to \$10 was adopted.

The Cook County real estate board made a protest to the council against placing screens and bars over windows above the first story of mercantile, office and manufacturing buildings to prevent persons falling out.

Mayor Busse announced the committee of 100 to arrange for a big celebration of the 100th anniversary of the birth of Lincoln next February.

Charles J. Heck was appointed by the Mayor as assistant harbor master, vice William F. Weinand, resigned.

Alderman Foreman had passed an ordinance giving the fire marshal an additional automobile. Alderman Coughlin had an order passed giving the property owners of Dearborn street the right to pave that street from South Water to Van Buren street by private contract.

To the license committee was referred an ordinance to change the fiscal year for moving picture licenses to end Dec. 31.

Referred to the committee on schools a communication from President Schneider of the school board asking that the Gage farm be turned over to the board for establishing schools for consumptive, delinquent and subnormal children.

Referred to the judiciary committee an ordinance of Alderman Powers allowing the Metropolitan Elevated Railroad Company to build an ice palace at Van Buren and Paulina streets.

Referred to the track elevation committee Alderman Bihl's ordinance calling for the elevation of all railroad tracks south of Eighty-third street in South Chicago.

The council session was one of the shortest on record, thirty-two minutes being the time taken for all the business transacted.

A clean sweep of the State's Attorney's office is the desire of the people, Mr. Wayman.

The settlement workers should be cleaned out of Chicago.

If you have any suggestions to make about the new charter you can send them in to any of the following named persons, who make up the charter convention:

Milton J. Foreman, R. R. McCormick, Joseph Badenoch, John P. McGorty, William H. Baker, M. L. McKinley, Walter E. Beebe, Chas. E. Merriam, Albert W. Belfuss, W. R. Michaelis, Frank I. Bennett, Theodore Oehne, Z. P. Brosseau, Jos. A. O'Donnell,